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NEW MEXICO IS COMING FIELD FOR OIL, WELLS

Geological Expert Says the Next
Great Development Will
Be in This State

Dallas, Texas, March 18.—The convention of oil geologists from all parts of the United States and from many foreign nations of the globe convened here Thursday and will adjourn Saturday night.

A symposium of the north Texas oil field was the first jump into oil topics. Davis White, chief geologist of the United States geological survey, stated in the opening address that Europe is practically hove of oil and that Texas, the wonder field of the world, was opened up in time to save the world from a crying need of oil.

He urges the development of the whole of Texas as much as possible and stated that New Mexico is the coming state, according to data which the United States geological staff has on file.

CHURCH SOCIAL NETS OVER HUNDRED DOLLARS

The social given at the Methodist church last Friday night to swell the piano fund was a complete success judging from the deposit of \$100 in the bank and the reports of those who attended.

A very nice program was rendered and the music furnished by an orchestra of the 12th Cavalry band was a treat to all. At the close of the program an hour was spent in playing various games after which homemade cake and hot chocolate was served free, while those desiring more sweets such as ice cream, candy, cakes and pies, were able to secure them near by, by dainty hands of pretty little maidens who so generously offered their assistance. At a late hour all decided they had spent a very evening and went home with happy hearts.

LUNA COUNTY FAIR PLANNED

The committee on a county fair, appointed by the executive committee of the farm bureau, met with the Chamber of Commerce on Monday of this week to learn if the Chamber of Commerce would cooperate with the farm bureau in putting over a successful fair this year. The Chamber of Commerce is very much interested in this project and will at once appoint a committee to cooperate with the farm bureau in working out the details at once. The members present at this meeting thought that the merchants would gladly contribute prizes in both cash and merchandise.

As plans are developed, they will be made known through these columns.—Doming Headlight.

WHAT DOES BOLSHIEVISM MEAN?

A Bolshivist was recently prevailed upon to elucidate the doctrines of bolshivism. He replied with the usual generalities about the abolition of wealth, etc., and being asked to give details of the program he explained that money must be abolished.

There would be a substitute, of course. We were not to return to the system of exchange and barter. There would be a certain kind of currency but it could not be accumulated. A man who did any work would get a ticket at the end of each working day, representing his remuneration. It would have a date stamped on it, and its validity would end in 48 hours.

He could either spend it in that time or lose it, and in this way the saving of money would be impossible. There would, therefore, be no capital.

Every sturdy community is largely a community of home-owners—not rent payers. But try to imagine a man buying a house with a bunch of stamped and dated tickets which will all expire in 48 hours. Multiply this condition by the number of the population and you can visualize one of the funny features which we shall see when bolshivism achieves order out of chaos—when, if a word, it becomes systematized.

It is equally easy to imagine any kind of systematization under bolshievist government.

LIVE STOCK GROWERS' CONVENTION MARCH 23-26-27

Albuquerque, N. M. March 20.—The program for the fourth annual convention of the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers' Association, to be held here March 23, 26 and 27, made public from the office of the association secretary this week, reveals a galaxy of speakers of note and authority who have accepted invitations to appear before the convention, and whose addresses will cover a very wide range of subjects all touching upon the welfare of the livestock industry of New Mexico.

G. A. Larrabee, governor of New Mexico, will open the convention with an address of welcome in behalf of the state and this will be followed by a similar welcome from Charles F. Wade, chairman of the Albuquerque City commission. The response for the association will be delivered by William R. Morley of Dallas, and the regular business of the convention will open immediately thereafter with the annual address of the president, Victor Callahan. Charles Springer of Santa Fe and Springer will conclude the morning program with an address of his own choosing. Speakers at the afternoon session of the opening day include T. W. Tunsting, secretary of the American National Live Stock Association; Paul G. Redmond, district forester, and A. D. Crile, president of the Agricultural college. Reports of committees covering the year's activities will follow.

The second day will be devoted to addresses in the morning, including those of Lieutenant Governor Pankhurst, Representative W. J. Linwood, B. H. Gibbs of the federal land office, and an address by Dwight B. Heard of Phoenix on the "Reconstruction Period." Mr. Heard is one of the foremost speakers in the west and his address is looked forward to with deep interest. The afternoon session Wednesday, the 25th, will include addresses by H. A. Jastro, chairman of the markets committee of the American National Association, and George M. Rommelt, chief assistant in animal husbandry of the Department of Agriculture, who has just returned from Europe.

Thursday's program includes addresses by Nelson A. Field, state land commissioner; J. E. Saint of the state tax commission; S. E. Piper of the biological survey; L. V. Medley of Magdalena, an "Lobo Extermination," and E. P. Johnson, extension veterinarian of the state agricultural college. The adoption of resolutions and election of officers will conclude the business of the convention.

As will be seen, the program provides a working convention of deep interest and value to every stockman. The social features, however, have not been overlooked. Every evening of the three is filled with a round of entertainments, including a banquet, a musicale and tea for the ladies and dancing.

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED

The following Columbus couples have been issued license to wed during the past week:

Charles Harvey, age 27, and Nora Wright, 21.

Joe Harrison, 21, and Beatrice Eason, 23.

J. G. Vaughn, 51, and Beattie Ferguson, 26.

Charles Grouther, 31, and Luranda Polk, 28.

License was also issued to W. C. Simpson, 31, and Callie A. Kendall, 32, of Deming.

Klein Entertain With Dance

Mr. and Mrs. William Klein entertained a number of their friends at their home Monday evening, the occasion being St. Patrick's Day. A pleasant evening was spent in dancing and other amusements. Refreshments were served. Those who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Klein were:

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McAuley, Mr. and Mrs. Jolly Garner, Lieut. and Mrs. Case, 12th Cavalry, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. White, Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Walker, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cox.

12TH CAVALRY BAND GAVE GOOD ENTERTAINMENT

The 12th Cavalry Orchestra gave a program at the 12th Cavalry "Y" Monday evening, March 17th, that will not be forgotten for a good while by those who attended. Soldiers of the camp and many of the townspeople were in attendance, and all evidently enjoyed the concert and solos very much indeed.

The orchestra, which was under the leadership of Band Sergeant Ronald Dimsche was in a fine way. The way they rendered the overture, "Hohennheim Quart," intermission from Madame Sherri and Grouther, shows that Sergeant Dimsche's plans were not exerted for nothing. All the men in the band helped to make the evening a success.

A violin solo rendered by Musical Hoffman showed his wonderful control over what is commonly called the music box. He played Cavatina, and for an encore Trau-ma-ti. Both these pieces kept the house so quiet that one could all most hear a pin drop.

Sergeant Dimsche must not be forgotten. Besides leading the orchestra he played a flute solo, "Fantasia Pastorale Bourgeoise." Everyone has to admit that with a flute he is a wonder, as well as being able to get the best out of the men, he can also get the best out of a flute. When he would make a run it would sound like rippling waters, and his efforts would remind one of the songbirds in the springtime.

Musical Hoffman also did his share with a tremendous solo, "The side the Band talent Miss Teva Blair entertained with a few vocal solos. She sang two separate songs and one tenor solo all of which were very good.

C. B. Rowland, of the Medical Corps, also rendered a few excellent vocal solos.

Taking the program as a whole it was the best that has been considered here for years. Everyone has a good word to say regarding it, and all look forward to another event of this kind in the near future.

T. W. Ward, of Deming, was here this week and purchased two lots from J. R. Blair near the school buildings, on which he will place two houses which he is bringing here from Deming.

COLONEL HORNHOOK NEW POST COMMANDER

Colonel James J. Hornhook, recently the commander of the El Paso military district, has arrived in Columbus and has taken command of the New Mexico Sub-District, relieving Colonel G. Arthur Haddell.

DEMAND INCREASES FOR VALLEY OIL STOCK

Preparation, New Being Made To
Bring in The Well-Casing
Being Set to Bottom

That the demand for Valley Oil Stock is increasing is proven by the fact that last Saturday J. R. Blair, president of the company, was called over to sign the certificates. He signed 40 of the blanks in the morning, and before evening these certificates had all been issued by secretary J. A. Moore, and Mr. Blair was called upon to come to the office and sign more to fill the orders then on hand.

There has not been any new developments at the well the last week. There is a strong gas pressure all the time, a good showing of oil, and one of the most foot odors coming out of this well that can be imagined.

The hole is about 50 feet in the hard cap rock, and the casing is today being set to the bottom, and it is expected that the cap will be broken through within the next few days, and it is likely to happen at any time.

The opinion is that the well will be brought in immediately when the cap is broken through and it is not thought possible that it can be much thicker. The key to this whole business seems to depend upon what its length the rock, according to the opinion of oil men. Everything is now in readiness to bring the well in.

VICTORY LOAN OPENS MONDAY, APRIL 21ST

The Victory Loan campaign will open Monday, April 21, and close three weeks later, Saturday, May 10.

Secretary of the Treasury Glass has announced the dates, together with the fact that short term notes maturing in not over five years will be issued instead of longer term bonds. The amount of notes to be offered, is not disclosed, but it has been generally understood that the loan will be for a minimum of five billion with the Treasury reserving the right to accept all over subscriptions.

The interest rates on the notes and the amounts to be exempted from taxation will not be determined until a week or two before the campaign, as they will be based upon financial conditions at that time. It is intimated, however, that the notes might bear interest in excess of 4 1/2 per cent.

"After studying financial conditions in all parts of the country," says Mr. Glass, "I have determined that the interests of the United States will be best served at this time by the issuance of short term notes rather than of longer term bonds, which would have to bear the limited rate of interest of 4 1/2 per cent."

LETTERS TO THE COURIER

Columbus, N. M., Mar. 20
Editor Courier:

There is much discontent in the volunteer Army of the United States.

What causes it? This does:

At the time the country went in to the war the President called for 100,000 volunteers. A great many dropped their work, left their homes, to answer the call, and enlisted to serve their country during the period of the emergency.

The war is over but the volunteers are still in the army waiting for their discharges. They want to get out.

But can they get out? Yes, that is if they have a wife, children, or anyone depending upon them for support, and then there is a lot of red tape about it. Even the Red Cross must investigate your case. Why is this necessary? Haven't the volunteers served the country in time of need and for war period? Yes, but still the government is holding them.

Is it the democratic administration, the general staff officers, commanding officers of army posts, or who is it that is holding the volunteers?

Very nearly all the men who answered the call have no one depending upon them for support and therefore, cannot give sufficient reasons to obtain their discharge.

These men left good positions to serve their country, and in many cases these jobs are still open for them upon their return.

Why shouldn't they want out, for what is there in the army for them? No future if they stay a lifetime. Every day that they are being held means just that much time lost and nothing gained.

Haven't the volunteers given up everything to serve the cause? Haven't they got to start their own individual fight in life over again and try and regain what was lost by serving the nation in time of need?

The men who were drafted are the best of for many reasons. The ones who were willing and answered the call to arms without waiting to be called are the men that are being held, and they are very much discontented and dissatisfied.

It is not right to hold them. They should have been the first out. It is no wonder there is so many desertions. In some instances the men are getting desperate. The government has not kept its promise to discharge them at the end of the war.

This thing is liable to lead many of them to take the stand of the bolshievist despotism—over it flies the stars and stripes. It is no place for the red flag of race and wreck-age.

SPECIAL BARGAIN

Three room adobe house and lot near the school house, price \$200. Part cash.—J. A. Prewitt.

INFORMATION FOR INCOME TAX DELINQUENTS

Phoenix, Ariz., March 19.—Internal Revenue Collector Franklin today made the following statement, which should be good news to tax payers who have not filed their income tax returns. "During the very short time allowed tax payers to file their returns, and further to the fact that not all of the proper forms were received until a few days ago there is a large number of persons who did not file returns. In some instances, of course, the tax payers are at fault, but others are to be excused because of the unusual circumstances.

The Treasury Department has advised that returns may be accepted if the tax payer will attach a statement to the return, setting forth his reason for delay. This statement will accompany the tax return to Washington, and will be passed upon by the commissioner. If the reason is good and sufficient there will be no penalty assessed. This gives all an opportunity to get right with the government, and I hope that those who are delinquent will see that their returns are filed immediately.

WIDOW OF SOLDIER KILLED IN RABID DEAD

Mrs. L. Neivergelt widow of Sergeant John Neivergelt, 12th Cavalry, who was killed here during the Villa raid here, died last Sunday morning at the base hospital at Ft. Bliss, of pneumonia. Mrs. George W. Durant, daughter of Mrs. Neivergelt, died Tuesday morning at the base hospital of pneumonia, surviving her mother three days. The husband of Mrs. Neivergelt was killed while standing by her side, during the Villa attack on Columbus.

Important Red Cross Announcement

A nation wide week of clothes gathering for the destitute in Europe will be inaugurated on the 24th and will end on the 31st of this month.

This is not the first time the Red Cross can help to supply war stricken Europe with used clothes, yet the need for these cast off or used clothes is greater than tongue can tell.

Anything such as shoes, underwear, any outer garment is acceptable for shipment on condition that the article be clean.

A committee composed of Misses James Riggs, Kniffel, Mosely, Hiltche and Miss Burton will have charge of receiving the articles which you will kindly bring to the Red Cross rooms each afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

There will be a special meeting of the Red Cross workers on Tuesday afternoon, the 26th. Be sure to attend.

Other announcements will follow to keep your memory freshened, but search out whatever of clothes you can spare, for millions of destitute are tragically in need.

LOVETT BOY HAS RETURNED FROM OVERSEAS

Dennis Lovett, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Lovett, of Columbus, has again reached the United States, after more than one year's service in France. The parents received a card from him a few days ago, which stated that he had landed at New Port News, Va. and would soon be sent to some entertainment for discharge.

Mrs. Dean Gives Dinner

Last Saturday Mrs. Eleanor Dean gave an enjoyable dinner at her home on North Main in honor of her sister, Mrs. Farrell, of Tarry, Iowa, who is here visiting. Those present were: Mrs. Laura Ritchie and daughter, Blanche, Miss Coffin, Mrs. Oquist, Mrs. Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dean and daughter, Helen, Messrs. Jeff Barnhill and James Vaughn.

HELD ON SHOOTING CHARGE

Mary White, who shot and badly wounded Pvt. Burt Goodall, of the 24th Infantry last week, was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Cole Monday morning. She was held for the grand jury, her bond being fixed at \$1,000.

GEOLOGIST TELLS WHERE TO EXPECT OIL DEPOSITS

R. G. George Says Sedimentary
Rocks and Shales, Sandstones
and Limestones Indicate

(El Paso Times)

Oil is found in commercial quantities only in sedimentary rocks, such as shales, sandstones and limestones, according to R. G. George, formerly state geologist of Colorado. These rocks are formed from the clay, sand and lime that were ages ago carried by rivers from 'land areas to the sea and spread over the sea floor by waves and other agencies. The seas are and were full of plant and animal life, and as the sands and clays are being spread over the sea floor, dead plants and animals are buried with them. Under certain conditions, as these deposits of sand, clay and limestone grow, minute globules of oil are distilled from the plant and animal matter and are caught, held and buried in the mass of sand, clay and water which makes up the unmodified rock.

Folding of Rocks Makes Oil Collect

As the oil is lighter than the water, it tends to rise and collect in the more porous layers of the rocks—chiefly in the sandstones. So long as the rock remains in the horizontal position there will not be a complete separation of the oil from the water. But if the layers of the rock are folded into a dome or anticline the oil from a large area naturally migrates to the top or crest of the anticline.

If gas is present, it will rise through the oil and sand to the top. The three substances in the anticline in the order of their weight—gas at the top, oil next, and water below.

Conditions Necessary for Formation of Oil Fields

From the facts just stated it is clear that certain definite conditions were necessary for the formation of oil fields.

First—There must have been seas in which plants and animals lived in abundance.

Second—Rivers from adjacent lands must have carried in clay, sand and other sediments which buried the plant and animal remains and brought about conditions for oil distillation from them.

Third—In the rock so formed there must be porous layers such as sandstones, to form reservoirs, into which the oil may collect.

Fourth—Over the reservoir there must be an impervious cap rock through which oil will not escape when it is forced upward by water pressure and the difference between its own weight and that of water.

Fifth—These rock layers must be folded into anticlines or domes under which the gas, oil and water will arrange themselves in the order of their weight.

Sixth—These domes and anticlines must remain unbroken in order to prevent the escape of the gas and oil.

These ideal conditions are found in the proven oil fields of north central Texas, in the Burkhurst and Ranger fields, the former in the Permian series and the latter in the Pennsylvanian series. Both of these areas were formed in seas in which vegetable or plant and animal life were extremely prolific. The same structural conditions are found in the great Wyoming oil fields.

In Tularosa basin, about 400 miles north of El Paso, are found such folds exposed by erosion of the debris, indicating the existence of reservoirs of oil and gas. To the west of El Paso, in the Columbus field are found similar conditions. The latter field is compared by experts to that of the Tampien fields of Mexico, where the oil has accumulated in porous rock near volcanic intrusions.

Dr. C. E. Lukens, of the Children's Home, Albuquerque, N. M. is in town in the interest of the home. He is receiving donations for the support of this institution and is well pleased with the response from the Columbus people.

J. A. Prewitt announces the sale of a tract of land half mile north of town and two blocks of 24 lots each in the Prewitt addition to Captain Arthur Block, of the 24th Infantry.